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Chairman Ross Johnson
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: June 12, 2008 Agenda Item #12
Prenotice Discussion of Amendments to Regulation 18946.4**

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I write on behalf of the San Fernando Valley Jaycees regarding proposed amendments to Regulation 18946.4. We urge the Fair Political Practices Commission to reject the proposed elimination of the "no value rule" that applies to 501(c)(3) fundraising events.

The San Fernando Valley Jaycees is an organization for young leaders (ages 21-40) who want to develop their leadership skills, build lasting relationships with other valley leaders, and actively make their community a better place to live and work. We are in our infancy as our organization was created in June 2006 and rely on the support of our public officials to attend our events and share their experience and exchange information with us regarding our charitable programs.

Our two signature events, Involvement and Alumni Gala, are very important to the future of our organization. Both of these events as well as others raise funds for our future programming (both internal and community outreach) and allow us to interact with public officials and the community. Having public officials present for our events draws a much larger crowd than we could on our own and in turn allows us to raise more funds. Involvement 2008 brought valley based nonprofit organizations together with the community. This event allows the nonprofits to showcase their volunteer needs including Board seats, committee positions, and upcoming events. Alumni Gala is our formal dinner event that affords our current members the opportunity to interact with Alumni members from different chapters and those valley based chapters that no longer exist. The benefit of having public officials present for these events is immeasurable.

Our mission and the goals of the San Fernando Valley Jaycees rely upon the involvement and attendance of public officials at our organization's fundraising events. Our members and guests, in a short time, have come to expect the opportunity to network with our public officials at these times. Elimination of the "no value" rule could unnecessarily create disclosure, gift limit, or conflict of interest issues for public officials who support our charity, create an impediment to the officials' attendance at our fundraising events, and, therefore, negatively impact our organization.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to reject the proposed changes to Regulation 18946.4 that would eliminate the current "no value" rule for 501(c)(3) charities.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Victoria Bourdas". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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